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### ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, the above-captioned Application is hereby entitled to small entity status.

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